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REVENUE TO TELEPHONE AND POSTAL DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL and MTNL have made a tie-up with the Department of Posts to provide telephone services to customers in far-flung areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to boost the revenue of both telephone and postal departments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 28th December, 2006 between Department of Posts (DoP) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for cooperative and collaborative working relationship between the two organizations in order to develop a special business relationship to fulfill each other's requirements across the country for synergy of operations.

(c) To boost the revenue, Government telecom operating companies viz. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and BSNL are constantly expanding and modernizing their network beside providing latest state of art services to their customers at competitive tariffs. DoP has introduced several premium products like speed post, e-post etc. and value additions like free pick up, door-to-door delivery and credit facility etc. for generating more revenue.